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News Release

Successful partnership builds new high school

A unique tri-party partnership that resulted in a new high school for west Calgary and cleared the way for the west LRT is being celebrated Friday.

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The City of Calgary, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Province of Alberta signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Sept. 16, 2008, which outlined each party's responsibilities for replacing the old Ernest Manning High School. The Province and The City jointly funded the project with each partner sharing the \$60 million cost. The CBE turned over the former Ernest Manning High School site to The City for the construction of the West LRT.

Administrators with The City, the CBE and the Province acknowledge the partnership was successful because of hard work, excellent project management and a willingness to work together. The new school was delivered to the CBE on time and under budget.

"Thanks to this successful partnership between The City, the CBE, the Province of Alberta and the local community, west Calgary now benefits from a state-of-the-art school that meets the needs of the community and students at Ernest Manning High School," said Ward 6 Ald. Richard Pootmans.

"The new Ernest Manning High School is a testament to what can be achieved through dynamic partnerships," said Mac Logan, City Transportation General Manager.

Trustee for Wards 6 & 7 George Lane said, "The result of this partnership is a wonderful new building for Ernest Manning that has an increased capacity, new technologies and improved access for CBE students. This is a great success that's worth celebrating."

Honorable Ron Liepert, MLA for Calgary-West said, "I am pleased that the City, Public School Board and the Provincial Government were able to arrive at a solution to build a state-of-the-art High School in west Calgary where the majority of the students now live."

The school features innovative teaching technologies that allow the CBE to deliver personalized learning opportunities to more than 1,800 students at the school. As a leader in education, the CBE provides learning opportunities as unique as every student.

The location for the new school was selected to be in the heart of an expanding educational and recreational hub with a direct connection to public transit.

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